

ROUGHNECKS NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST 18, 1980

● MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

Well, the baseball season is almost over and I'd like to thank all you guys for turning out each Sunday afternoon over the past 2½ months to play ball.

Next year we shall start playing earlier. A coach will be appointed earlier as well, and practice sessions will be more rigorously organized though the emphasis will remain on fun, exercise and camaraderie. A challenge and invitation will also be sent at the beginning of the season to Calgary and Vancouver to whip their teams into shape for a tournament.

Meanwhile, Edmonton's one and only gay men's softball team is going to give seven straight teams a challenge as part of the City's celebrations for Alberta's 75th Anniversary! (see item below)

● NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Who are those guys? One's called Bruno, his last name is Pazienza, and the other one is Richard Frederick, and I think you'll agree that they are valuable assets to our team. The Roughnecks welcome them.



GAME AND BARBECUE

There will be an end-of-season pre-tournament game held on Sunday August 24. Posters advertising the event will be put up at The Roost, Boots and Saddles, and Flashback. Invite your friends -- they may be recruited to play! A barbecue will be held after the game, either at Art and Larry's or at Ron Lowe's. You are requested to bring some food and drink.



SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AUGUST 30-31

It's official! We're signed up to participate in a two-day straight softball tournament being held on August 30-31 (Saturday and Sunday) as part of the City's celebrations for Alberta's 75th Anniversary. This will be one of many sporting and entertainment events being held around the City on the long weekend.

There will be 8 teams entered in this tournament. All teams are made up of casual players like ourselves, men between the ages of 18 and 30 who play for pleasure, not to compete. The tournament will be set up so that a team will have to lose two games before it is knocked out. All participants will receive pins and ribbons and the top team will be awarded baseball equipment. The tournament will be staged at AIRWAY PARK near 111 Avenue and Kingsway (east of the Sportspage Restaurant). OUR FIRST GAME IS ON SATURDAY AT 12 NOON ON DIAMOND #3 and the team that we are playing against is Starwest.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT continued...

More details soon. Meanwhile, talk this event up amongst your friends so that we'll have a good cheering section at our games. Let's show those breeders!

T-SHIRTS

More Roughnecks T-Shirts will be available at the end of August for those who wish to purchase one. Cost remains a low \$3.

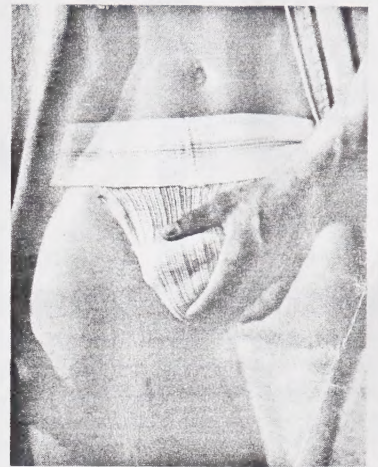
PARTY

Don't forget Grayson's party on September 13. The address is Westridge Estates, #422 - 17104 75 Avenue.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball begins Sunday September 21 at the Oliver School gymnasium, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Spread the word and let's have a good turn out. Yes, there are showers.

Sure it's softball.
But the men are hard.



EXTRA INNINGS
Color, 150'

This 8mm color film is excerpted from the series, *The Jocks*, but you have to look quick, because Rick Steele and Greg Samuels peel their jocks off quickly and play ball with each other from the very outset. The action may be over out on the field, but these two buddies create their own game — and make up their own rules — after their teammates leave the lockerroom.

Extra Innings offers us lots of balls, and a couple of hefty bats swinging hard into action, as Rick and Greg peel down, toss each other a few curve balls, and slide in to score big.

Extra Innings, 8mm/super 8; \$35 each, any two for \$60, from Vydio Phylms, Box 6586 Surfside, FL 33154.

ROUGHNECKS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PRACTICE.....Tuesday August 19 7:15 p.m.

GAME AND BARBECUE.....Sunday August 24 1:00 p.m.

PRACTICE.....Tuesday August 26 7:15 p.m.

TOURNAMENT.....Saturday and Sunday August 30-31

VOLLEYBALL.....Sunday September 21 3:00 p.m.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT continued...

Many details soon. Meanwhile, this falls event up around
 Your friends as soon as I have a good cheating section at
 our games. Let's show some basketball!

T-THINGS

More basketball T-Things will be
 available at the end of August for
 those who wish to purchase one.
 Cost remains a low \$5.

PARTY

Bob's biggest birthday party on
 September 15. The address is
 4242 1st Avenue, W-12 - 1710
 75 Avenue.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball begins Sunday September 17
 at the Oliver School Gymnasium.
 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Great! The word was
 let's have a good time out. Yes, there
 are showers.

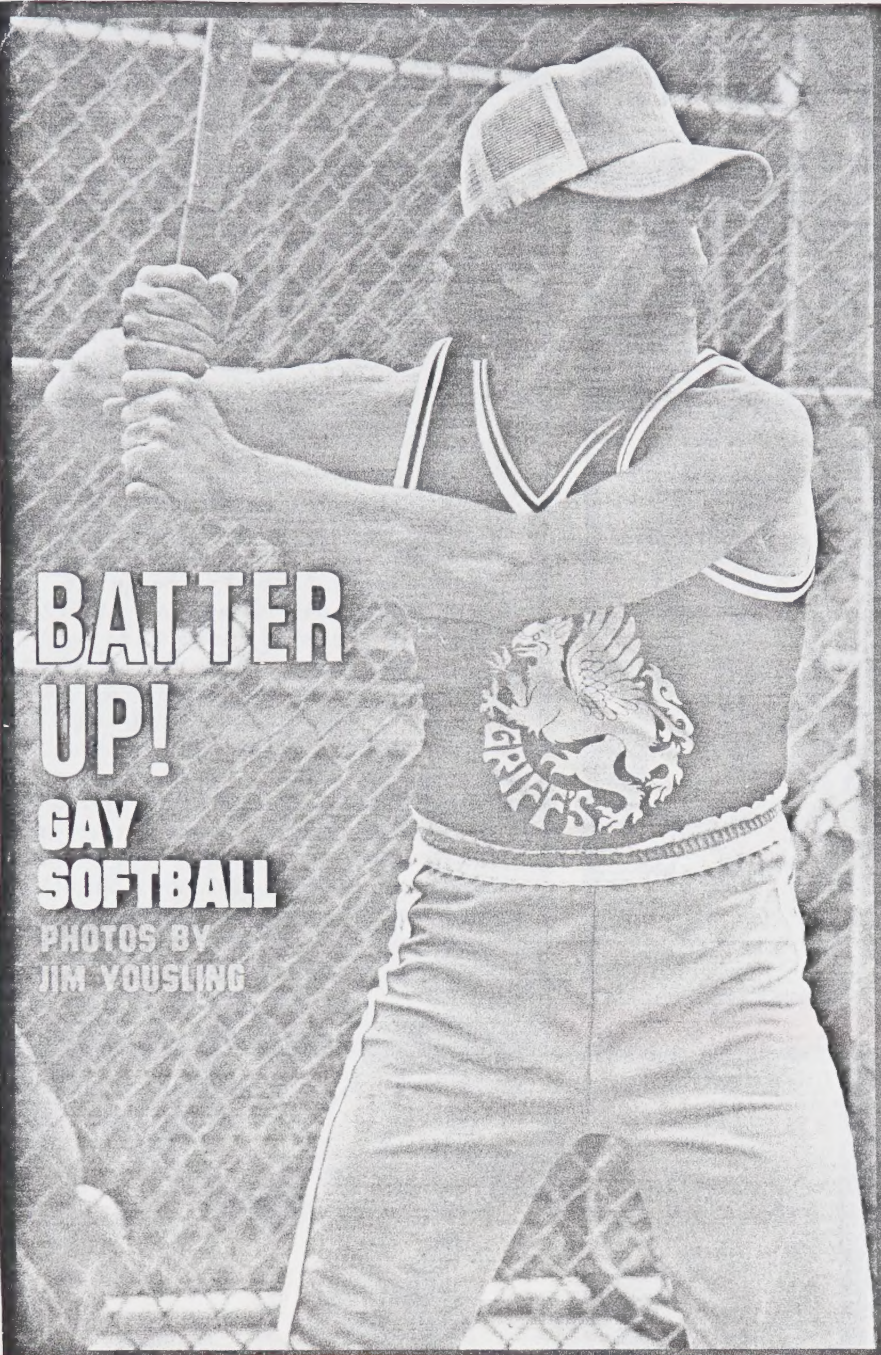
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TOURNAMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

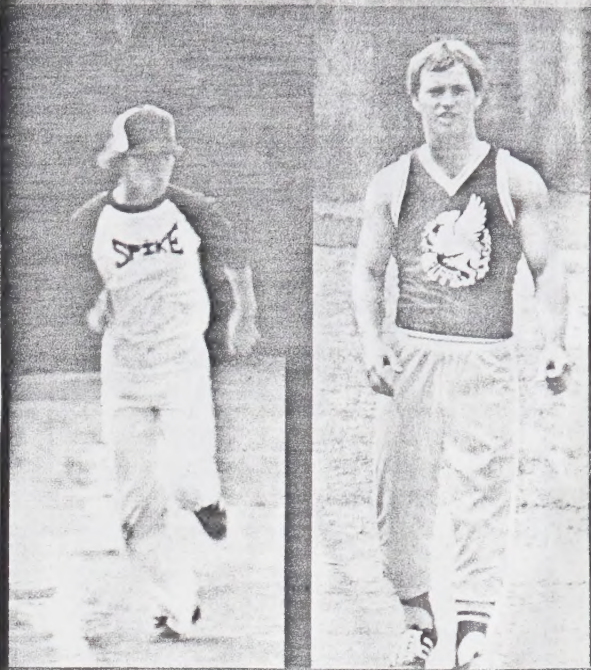
Practice.....Tuesday August 19 7:15 p.m.
 Game and Banquet.....Saturday August 24 7:00 p.m.
 Practice.....The 1st August 25 7:15 p.m.
 Tournament.....Saturday and Sunday August 30-31
 Volleyball.....Sunday September 21 8:00 a.m.

BATTER UP! GAY SOFTBALL

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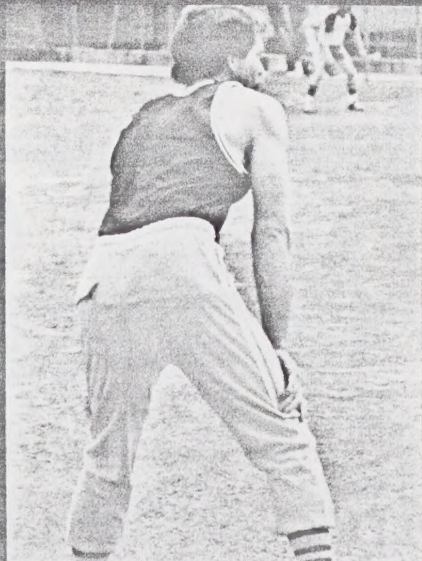


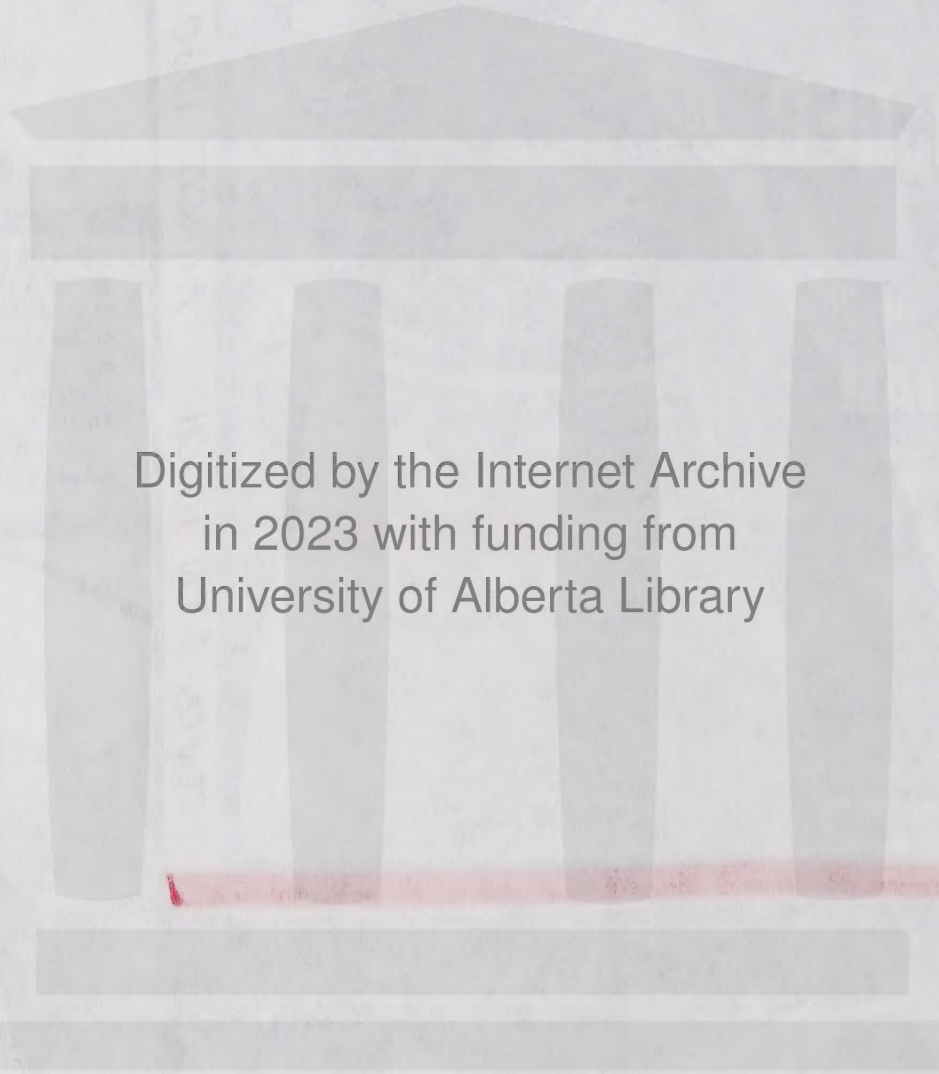
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The dictionary defines baseball as "a game played with a bat and ball between two teams of nine players each on a large field centering on four bases that mark the course a runner must take to score." It's aptly called "America's pastime"—and that includes gay America.

The major differences between "regular" baseball (hardball) and softball is in the ball





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itself. In softball, the larger, softer ball limits the distance that the batter can hit it. Thus, the game must be played on a scaled-down field, which is quite handy since most local parks and vacant lots are a bit smaller than Dodger Stadium.

The gay softball teams shown on these pages are just two of many that have sprung up all over the U.S., thanks in part to the efforts of the Inter-City Athletic Union. The I.C.A.U., a non-profit organization of men and women, has been largely responsible for the co-ordination of gay sports on a national level, including bowling, volleyball and tennis—with basketball, swimming, and soccer soon to be added. But softball remains unquestionably the most popular.

The upcoming Fourth Annual Gay World Series will be hosted by Los Angeles, the home of the current champs and, coincidentally, the home of the I.C.A.U.

If you can't get to L.A. for the action, the I.C.A.U. urges gays across the U.S. and Canada to form similar organizations in their own areas. If you'd like to be involved or have questions, call area code 213-656-0258, leave a message, and a member will return your call as soon as possible. Or write Inter-City Athletic Union, 7985 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 109, West Hollywood, CA 90046. Contributions of time, talent and/or money (tax-deductible) are also welcome.

Now let's play ball! ■■

